(b) The targets and achievements during the above period are as follow :

(Area in thousand hectares)

	1993-94		1994-95		1995-96		Cumulative for the period 1993 to 1996	
	Target	Achie-vement	Target	Achie-vement	Target	Achie-vement	Target	Achie-vement
Field Channel	2.03	1.50	3.353	1.088	4.963	0.528	10.346	3.116
Field Drain	3.80	0.64	3.341	1.48	4.167	0.175	11.308	2.295
Warabandi (Rotational water supply)	2.48	1.00	1.5	0.35	2.75	Nil	6.73	1.35

Modernisation of Armed Forces

1415. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to modernise the Army and Air Force; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b). Government are committed to modernisation and upgradation of the equipment of the Armed Forces to enable them to meet any threat to the nation's security. A concerted exercise is undertaken each year to determine modernisation priorities, and translate them into reality through appropriate budgetary allocations.

C. R. F. Under Parliament Resolution

1416. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA :
SHRI RAM NAIK :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have since taken a decisions to implement the Parliament Resolution stipulating that from 13.5.1988, five percent of basic price of diesel and petrol will be earmarked for Central Road Fund; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the same is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b). Revised note for Group of Ministers has since been forwarded to Cabinet Secretariate. It is, therefore, too early to indicate any time frame in this matter.

Water Storage Capacity

1417. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that there are massive silts in most of the major reservoirs in National Capital Region and their water storage capacity is declining;

(b) if so, the details of such rservoirs in Delhi;

(c) the total financial assistance provided by the Government to various States including Delhi during the last three years, till date; and

(d) the scheme being formulated by the Government particularly for Delhi to check silting in the reservoirs?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Visit of Special Envoy to Bangladesh

1418. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :
SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any special envoy of the Government have recently visited Bangladesh to hold discussions with the new Government of that country on bilateral and other issues; and

(b) if so, the outcome of these discussions?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Foreign Secretary visited Bangladesh as Special Envoy of the Prime Minister from July 5-7, 1996. The Foreign Secretary, conveyed to the Bangladesh Prime Minister and Foreign Minister messages of goodwill from Prime Minister and External Affairs Minister which underlined our desire for addressing all issues in bilateral relations in a spirit of cooperation and mutual benefit. The Foreign Secretary also called on the Bangladesh Ministers of Finance, Commerce, Water Resources, and the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, and held discussion with Bangladesh officials on further steps to move forward on all issues and enhance Indo-Bangladesh relations.